

34 strong to be removed, when the wall assembly is
35 dismounted as a single piece, in unison, and the tape may
36 be removed as a single piece by pulling the tab, as the
37 tab is pulled, the tape and the mud compound is
38 disengaged disengage from the panel thereby exposing
39 the long-term removable fasteners such that the
40 long-term removable fasteners are ~~can be~~ easily removed
41 and the panels and studs disassembled.

R E M A R K S

Before and after amendment, independent claims 1, 2 and 3 are present in the case.

CLAIMS 1, 2 AND 3 ALLOWABLE IF AMENDED

The Examiner has cited that claims 1, 2 and 3 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Applicant has amended the claims as requested by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 1, 2 and 3.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

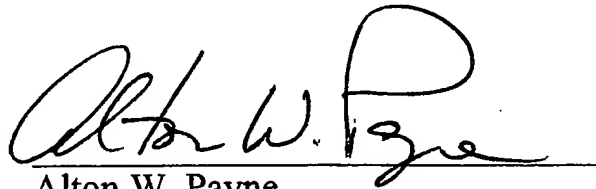
Applicant herein petitions for an extension of time beyond the shortened statutory period for response cited in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated March 5, 2004. Enclosed herewith is an extension fee of \$740.00 for response within the fourth month after the shortened statutory period. The Applicant qualifies as a small business entity under 37 CFR §1.9(f) and evidence of such has been previously filed.

Response To
Notice Of Non-Compliant Amendment
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SUMMARY

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the present application are allowable. It is believed that this case is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alton W. Payne', written over a horizontal line.

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